

# CITY OF LA VERNE

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tim Hepburn, Mayor  
Muir Davis, Mayor Pro Tem  
Robin Carder, Council Member  
Rick Crosby, Council Member  
Wendy M. Lau, Council Member



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**Monday, April 19, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.**

In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (909) 596-8726 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Regular Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month.

Tonight's Council Meeting will again be closed to the public in compliance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. However, the City encourages public participation and as such wants to make residents aware of the following opportunities on how to participate:

- 1) View the meeting through the City's website at [www.cityoflaverne.org](http://www.cityoflaverne.org) and click on the green "Council Meeting Live Stream" button.
- 2) Individuals can email their comments to the Assistant City Clerk at [cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org) up to noon on the day of the meeting. Those comments will be shared with City Council in advance of the City Council meeting and included as part of the permanent record. **Please be advised that public comments submitted by emails or any other format to the City are public records that will be made available for public viewing.**
- 3) Individual who wish to share their comments directly during the meeting may do so by emailing the Assistant City Clerk at [cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org) with their phone number and the item(s) they wish to speak on. Requests will be accepted before and throughout the meeting and staff will call you at the appropriate time. Once items are considered by the City Council, no further public comment on that matter will be accepted. A time limit of 3-minutes is set for all public comments.
- 4) If you wish to participate via Zoom, you will need to register at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6-r0SZBtSiKH5LMUrTwhCg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6-r0SZBtSiKH5LMUrTwhCg) before 5:00 p.m. on the **Monday, April 19, 2021**. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Please be aware that space is limited. You will have the ability to watch the meeting in real time and raise your hand to request to comment as appropriate on the current agenda item(s). Once it is your turn to speak, you will be brought into the meeting and have the ability to turn your video on when called upon.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:** Council Member Lau, Council Member Crosby, Council Member Carder, Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Mayor Hepburn.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

**Daniel S. Maydeck, President and CEO of Haynes Family of Programs, will give a presentation on the status on the merger of Haynes Family of Programs with David and Margaret Home.**

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS** (Any person who wishes to make a brief announcement of a future community event that is open to the general public may do so at this time)

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (All items on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a member of the City Council or member of the audience requests separate discussion.)

a. **City Council Minutes** of April 5, 2021, ***to be received and filed.***

b. **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$1,100,770.15, dated March 17, 2021, in the amount of \$339,597.39, dated March 25, 2021, and in the amount of \$555,117.96, dated March 31, 2021, ***approval recommended by Interim Finance Director Alvarado.***

c. **Treasurer Reports** for the Months of October and November of 2020, ***to be received and filed.***

- d. **Appointment to Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District** - The City Council is requested to consider the appointment of two members to the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District (OTLVBID) Advisory Board. The Advisory Board and staff are recommending City Council approval of promoting Matt Forgey from an Alternate to a recently vacated Board position with the resignation of Chris Gendreau and appointing new Chase's co-owner Sean Franco to the Alternate position.

***Community Development Director Scherer is requesting that the City Council consider the appointment of two members to the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District (OTLVBID) Advisory Board. The Advisory Board and staff are recommending City Council approval of promoting Matt Forgey from an Alternate to a recently vacated Board position with the resignation of Chris Gendreau and appointing new Chase's co-owner Sean Franco to the Alternate position.***

- e. **Staff recommends approval and passage of the following Resolutions:**

1. **Resolution No. 21-19** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT No. 2 TO AN AGREEMENT WITH LSA ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR EXPANSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - ***The Community Development Department is currently processing applications submitted by Brandywine Homes for a proposed residential development at 3717 Fruit Street (APN 8666-017-028) and at 1874, 1876, and 1878 Walnut Street (APN 8378-007-907, 8378-007-908, and 8378-007-909). LSA Associates, Inc. has submitted Amendment Request No. 2 for augmentation of the Transportation Study scope specifically to address driveway ingress/egress options and related circulation patterns along Fruit Street that may result from the proposed project.***

***Community Development Director Scherer recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-19 to authorize execution of Amendment Request No. 2 to the Agreement with LSA Associates, Inc. for augmentation of the Transportation Study scope specifically to address driveway ingress/egress options and related circulation patterns along Fruit Street that may result from the proposed project.***

2. **Resolution No. 21-20** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA REAFFIRMING THE ONGOING NEED FOR THE LOCAL EMERGENCY INITIALLY DECLARED ON MARCH 16, 2020 - ***Pursuant to Government Code 8630, the City Council must "review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every 60 days until the governing body terminates the emergency." The Council is asked to reaffirm the ongoing need for the local emergency that has been declared and reaffirmed by the Council.***

***City Attorney Kress is recommending that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-20 reaffirming the ongoing need for the local emergency declared by Resolution No. 20-17.***

3. **Resolution No. 21-21** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CLASS SPECIFICATION AND SALARY FOR SENIOR EQUIPMENT MECHANIC AS WELL AS AUTHORIZING REQUESTED POSITION CHANGES. - *As a result of increasing demands and associated technical knowledge required in the fleet division, the City is in need of reclassifying one of the Equipment Mechanic II positions to a Senior Equipment Mechanic position. In accordance with the City's personnel rules and regulations, such changes require formal City Council approval.*

*Assistant to the City Manager Ranells recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-21 approving a class specification and salary for Senior Equipment Mechanic and authorizing a position change in the 2020-2021 approved budget.*

## 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Public Hearing for Adoption of the Fire Code of the Los Angeles County Code Incorporating by Reference** - The County of Los Angeles on March 10, 2020 adopted Title 32 - Fire Code of the Los Angeles County Code by incorporating by reference the 2019 Edition of the California Fire Code, with certain changes and amendments. The City of La Verne's Fire Marshal and City Engineer have reviewed the changes made by the County of Los Angeles and are recommending additional changes specific to the City of La Verne. The code with the recommended changes establishes fire standards for the City of La Verne to promote the health and safety of the general public.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Council should conduct the public hearing, close the public hearing, waive second reading, and adopt the attached Ordinance No. 1101, adopting Title 32 - Fire Code of the Los Angeles County with the City of La Verne amendments.

**Ordinance No. 1101** - ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 50022.2, TITLE 32 OF THE FIRE CODE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO.

- b. **Amherst Housing Development, 2820 Amherst Street - Request to Construct 42 Detached Single-Family Homes** - The applicant, Matt Waken with MJW Investments, LLC, is proposing to develop 42 single-family homes at 2820 Amherst Street (8666-021-902) and a portion of the adjacent parcel, 8666-021-904, both City owned properties. The properties are currently zoned PR3D and are designated Low Density Residential in the General Plan. Staff and the Development Review Committee (DRC) recommend approval of the Amherst Housing Development Project. ***The Planning Commission recommended by a 4-0 vote that the City Council deny the request unless the density of the project is lowered, resulting in fewer homes.***

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Council should adopt Resolution Number 21-18, for the Environmental Impact Report (36-21EIR), and then adopt Resolution Numbers 21-16, and 21-17; and approve Ordinance Number 1099, Case Numbers 18-20TTM, 20-20ZC, 109-20SP and 19-20GPA, based on this staff report and the attached conditions of approval (Attachment A).

**Resolution No. 21-18** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA CERTIFYING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND MAKING CEQA FINDINGS FOR THE PROJECT LOCATED AT 2820 AMHERST STREET (8666-021-902) AND A PORTION OF THE ADJACENT PARCEL, 8666-021-904).

**Resolution No. 21-16** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA CHANGING THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION OF THE SITE AT 2820 AMHERST STREET (8666-021-902) AND A PORTION OF THE ADJACENT PARCEL, (8666-021-904) FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL.

**Resolution No. 21-17** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NUMBER 83064 AT THE SITE LOCATED AT 2820 AMHERST STREET (8666-021-902) AND A PORTION OF THE ADJACENT PARCEL, (8666-021-904).

Approve and place on first reading, Ordinance No. 1099, as follows:

**Ordinance No. 1099** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CHANGING THE ZONE DESIGNATION FROM "PR3D" TO "SPECIFIC PLAN" AND ADOPTING THE "AMHERST SPECIFIC PLAN" FOR THE SITE LOCATED AT 2820 AMHERST STREET (8666-021-902) AND A PORTION OF THE ADJACENT PARCEL, (8666-021-904) IN THE CITY OF LA VERNE.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** - This is the time set aside for anyone wishing to address the City Council on items not listed in any other place on the agenda. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the legislative body is prohibited from talking or engaging in discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. However, your concerns may be referred to staff or set for discussion at a later date. Please email your public comment to the Assistant City Clerk at [cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org). Your public comment will be shared with the City Council and included as part of the permanent record. If you wish to speak, email your phone number and staff will call you. There is a 3-minute time limit on public comments.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS** - Each Council Member may address the Council and public on matters of general information and/or concern. This is also the time for Council Members to report on conferences and/or meetings they have attended.

10. **CLOSED SESSION:**

**The City Council will meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 for the following:**

**Conference with Labor Negotiator**

Negotiators: City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager, Senior Management Analyst, and City Attorney.

Employee Organization(s): La Verne City Employees Association, La Verne Police Officers' Association, La Verne Firefighters' Association, La Verne Police Middle Management Association and all unrepresented employees.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING of the La Verne City Council  
is scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**

**The La Verne City Council thanks the residents  
for taking all precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Virus.**

**ADVISORY STAFF**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Russi, City Manager
- \_\_\_\_\_ JR Ranells, Assistant to the City Manager
- \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Kress, City Attorney
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lupe Gaeta Estrella, Assistant City Clerk
- \_\_\_\_\_ Anthony Ciotti, Deputy Public Works Director
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eric Scherer, Director of Community Development
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Alvarado, Interim Finance Director
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nick Paz, Police Chief
- \_\_\_\_\_ David Segura, Interim Fire Chief
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cody Howing, Deputy City Engineer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Elftman, Information Services Manager

**Posting Statement:** On April 13, 2021, a true and correct copy of this Agenda was posted on the bulletin board at La Verne City Hall, 3660 D Street, La Verne, and on the City's website at [cityoflaverne.org](http://cityoflaverne.org).